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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the first issue of *The Delta*, the English Department journal. A delta, as you know, is the name for the place where a river flows into a larger body of water. This aptly symbolizes the journal's goal to share student papers written for English classes with a broader audience. Delta also traditionally means "change," and with this journal, the audience for the papers changes, as does a reader's knowledge of the diverse subjects covered.

The Delta received an impressive number of submissions for its first publication, and the high quality of papers made the selection process challenging. We followed a blind selection procedure in which the editorial board could judge the papers based solely on criteria outlined in the journal's original call for submissions:

We seek original and analytical papers unified around a specific thesis. The paper must be cohesive, well-supported, and, where applicable, properly cited using MLA format. While we will only publish excellent papers, we seek a diverse representation of work so that the publication covers many time periods, genres, subjects, and methodologies.

The editorial board would like to thank everyone who submitted a paper for consideration. We are grateful to Susan Sombeck and Printing Services for all their help throughout the publication process as well as Student Senate for funding *The Delta*. Thank you also to Megan Mondt and Molly M. McLay, our senior advisors who helped initiate this journal. Thanks also to Megan for her work ensuring that we could follow a blind selection process. And, last but not least, thank you to Dr. Mike Theune for your guidance.

We hope you enjoy the very first publication of *The Delta*.

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